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EDITORIAL

Few teachers are able to read more than one, or at most two or three educational journals. Hence many articles of real interest and value escape them. The *English Journal* will attempt to assist its readers in this particular by maintaining a department entitled "Digest of Periodical Literature" under the direction of Elvira D. Cabell, of the Department of English in the Chicago Normal Collège. Month by month the most suggestive and important articles on English in the various educational journals and other periodicals will be summarized. In this way the *Journal* will become a reliable guide to the whole range of current opinion and experience in its field. It is confidently believed that the ever-widening circle to which the *Journal* appeals will welcome this new feature and will regard it as the one thing needful to complete the equipment of the magazine as a clearing-house for English teachers.

Those who have attended one or more of the annual meetings of the National Council of Teachers of English will need no urging to attend the next. Very few who come once fail to continue. There is no other opportunity at all comparable with this of meeting representative teachers and librarians from all sorts of institutions in all parts of the country. And there is no substitute for personal contact.

The program for 1914 is already well in hand. As usual the dependence is not upon a few great names but upon a high general level. The Council attracts persons who are working out new ideas and who wish to hear the results of educational experience presented and carefully evaluated. Each department will provide stimulus and information in November in fields as yet lightly touched. As examples may be mentioned speech-training, educational measurement, economy of time, equipment and use of the library, the required college courses, preparation of high-school teachers, and uniform grammatical nomenclature in practice.

There will be something for each and much that will be of interest to all.

Special mention should be made of the meeting of representatives from local societies which will be held on Thursday evening. Few who come to Chicago can have Thanksgiving dinner at home and hence will appreciate the opportunity to sit down with friends at the headquarters of the Council. After dinner there will be intimate discussion of the work of the Council and of what it may do to further the interests of English teachers. To this meeting all members of the Council are invited.

A complete announcement of the program of the fourth annual meeting of the Council will appear in the next issue of the *Journal*. It is probable that no other formal announcement will be made to the members. All will bear in mind that the sessions are to be held in the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago, beginning Thursday evening, November 26, and closing at noon of Saturday, November 28.

The National Council of Teachers of English has suffered a great loss in the death of Thacher Guild, which occurred on July 21.

**The Death of
Mr. Guild** Mr. Guild was the chairman of the Committee on Plays for School and College and had well in hand a report upon the work in dramatics as actually carried on in various parts of the country. He had prepared himself for college teaching by taking courses in three universities, receiving his A.B. from Brown in 1901, his A.M. from Chicago in 1902, and an additional A.M. from Harvard in 1904. To become a playwright was his ambition and he manifested ability both in composition and in directing. Personally he was a delightful companion. The work of his committee will continue under the guidance of J. Milnor Dorey, of Trenton, N.J.